

ABSTRACT

A pipe or conduit collar particularly used in the connection of piping or conduits to underground vaults such as those used for receiving and distributing fluids such as storm water and sewage and also electrical wires and cable. The collar is a flexible strip having a spine and two sides defining an "L" shaped cross-section and is used in situations where a loose fitting piping creates a roughly annular open section between the pipe exterior and the aperture receiving the pipe or conduit. The collar is installed around the pipe and flush with the outer wall of the vault. When installed, the collar blocks the annular clearance gap so that the area around the inlet and piping may be backfilled prior to the annular section being sealed. At a convenient time after backfilling, a seal (e.g. concrete mix) can be put into the annular clearance gap from access to the inside of the vault. In a preferred embodiment a series of slices or serrations all along one branch of the "L" allows the strip to be easily put in a circular shape during installation around the pipe with the unserrated side touching the pipe or conduit and the serrated side fanned out and flush against the inlet exterior, blocking the annular opening around the pipe or conduit.